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**PATENT
RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 -
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE -
ART UNIT 3723**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner: THOMAS, DAVID B
Title: **AUTOMATED PILL BOTTLE OPENER**

Docket No: 500CON
Applicant: Verdell Thornton
Art Unit: 3723

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action dated 11/04/2004:

REMARKS

1. Claims 1-7 stand rejected under the nonstatutory double patenting doctrine. Applicant appends hereto a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate this rejection. Authorization is hereby given to charge the terminal disclaimer filing fee of \$55 to deposit account number 11-1245.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant now asserts that all of the grounds for rejection have been traversed or overcome by amendment, and that all of the present claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Applicant therefore requests reconsideration of the objections and rejections, and solicits allowance of the present claims at an early date.